

juries that are done by the hand of a kinsman are not soon forgotten. If Great Britain, presuming on the allegorical name of a parent, will treat the Americans as children and inferiors, it is high time that the Americans were associated with a sister instead of a parent state. If the same wisdom which lately induced the French monarch to grant an arret for re-establishing the edict of Nants, in a particular instance, and granting liberty of conscience to a protestant subject, should continue to preside in his councils, that kingdom must soon flourish; and if the Americans should proceed no further, they may at least say of England and France, with the Tyrian queen,

Tros Tyriusque mihi nullo discrimine agentur.

Much pains has been taken to involve the present dispute in darkness, and conceal the danger that lies in the road, as though it was best that we should die by an anodyne. We are told that neither France nor Spain will assist the Americans. "Will France," says a courtier,* "in the present state of her finances involve herself in a ruinous war? Will Spain give her assistance to raise an independent empire in America? Will she encourage her own American subjects to rise against her authority?" Nothing can be more deceitful than such reasoning. The French certainly have no colonies that can

* Rights of Great Britain asserted, p. 68.